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Submitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

1. Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 (w/ attached Exhibit A (copy of English translation of priority document)).

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In further response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 (Paper No. 7), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please consider the remarks below.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A, Applicants respectfully submit a duly certified copy of the English translation of German priority document, German Patent Application 198 60 373.8.

REMARKS

Claims 13-25 were pending in the application. Following entry of these remarks, Claims 13-25 will be pending and under active consideration. Claims 13 and 25 are independent.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A, Applicants respectfully submit a duly certified copy of the English translation of German priority document, German Patent Application 198 60 373.8, filed

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